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SUBJECT: POLICE ANNOUNCE ARREST OF LUAR MEMBERS

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1. FRONT PAGES OF PORTUGUESE NEWSPAPERS NOVEMBER 29
TRUMPET ARREST OF HEAD OF LEAGUE OF UNITY AND REVOLUTIONARY
ACTION (LUAR), HERMINIO DA PALMA INACIO, AND FIVE COHORTS
WEEK AGO IN LISBON AS GROUP WAS PREPARING TO ROB BANK (REFTEL).
ARTICLES ARE BASED ON POLICE COMMUNIQUE WHICH ALSO REPORTS
SUBSEQUENT ARREST OF UNDISCLOSED NUMBER OF LUAR ACTIVISTS
RESIDENT IN PORTUGAL, OF WHOM TEN ARE IDENTIFIED BY NAME.
LIST INCLUDES NUNO THEOTONIO PEREIRA, PROMINENT LISBON
ARCHITECT AND NEPHEW OF FORMER AMBASSADOR TO U.S., AND
LUIBANUEL ETS SAOEAS MOITA, YOUNG FORMER PRIEST.
BOTH THESE MEN (BUT NONE OF THE OTHERS) WERE ARRESTED
IN LISBON PEACE VIGIL INCIDENT LAST NEW YEAR'S EVE.
POLICE ALLEGE PERSONS ARRESTED AFTER PALMA INACIO
PROVIDED LODGING, TRANSPORT, AND SAFE STORAGE FOR
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WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES IN PORTUGAL FOR PARIS-BASED LUAR

MILITANTS.

2. IT STILL UNCLEAR HOW MANY PERSONS HAVE BEEN
SEIZED. AS REPORTED REFTEL, WE HAD BEEN TOLD LAST WEEK
THAT SIX, NOT FIVE, LUAR MILITANTS HAD BEEN ARRESTED WITH
PALMA INACIO. IN ADDITION, POLICE NOTE GIVES NO
INDICATION AS TO HOW MANY LOCAL LUAR SUPPORTERS HAVE BEEN
PICKED UP. IN ANY CASE, LUAR--ACRONYM IS PORTUGUESE WORD
FOR MOONLIGHT-- IS IN ECLIPSE.
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